

NEW GERMANY CITY COUNCIL, JULY 6, 2021

- A. Call to Order: The regular City Council Meeting of the City of New Germany was held at the New Germany City Hall in the council room at 7PM. Meeting called to order by Mayor, Steve VanLith. Those present were Mayor VanLith, Councilpersons Shirley Jaeger, Ty Turnquist, Thomas Mielke, absent was Kevin Grove. Audience members were Jessica Hedin from SEH and John Fahey, Carver County Commissioner.
- B. Citizens Public Comment: John Fahey gave the Council an update on the Hwy 212 construction west of Cologne. All is going well with this project. The construction from Cologne to NYA has been totally funded in the amount of 25 million, this will start in 2024. The county will be getting 21 million from the ARP fund, they have already gotten ten million. John noted that the city should receive about \$48,000. Half in 2021 and the rest in 2022.
- C. Approval of Agenda: On motion by Ty Turnquist, second Thomas Mielke and passed approving the Agenda as printed.
- D. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the June 15, 2021 meeting were reviewed, on motion by Shirley Jaeger, second Thomas Mielke and approving the Minutes as printed.
- E. Jessica Hedin from SEH was present to continue discussion on sewer issues. She went over the highlights of our meeting with Mayer. The consensus of the Council at that time was that this was not a viable option due to the high cost of getting the connections to Mayer and then the operation and maintenance. Jessica felt the most feasible option would be to go with the aerated ponds. An application has been submitted for a bonding bill asking for 100%. If this is not accepted, another application could be submitted for a lesser percentage. We should keep Jim Nash, our state representative informed so he can continue to “plead our case” to the legislature. Also, Jessica knows someone from the Met Council who will try to help behind the scenes. It may be possible to use Mayer as a partial help by using a clarifier. Jessica will try to set up a webinar with professionals for different options with aerated ponding. Will send some tentative dates to the city clerk.
- E2. An application was reviewed for a Rural Service District from Joshua and Rochelle Stenson at 251 Mound St. W. Question was asked “what are they not getting that anyone else in the city receives that would be part of city taxes.” The road is plowed to their driveway and they receive all city services that are referenced on city taxes. On motion by Steve VanLith, second Ty Turnquist and passed to deny the Rural Service District application. Vote taken: Thomas Mielke, no, Ty Turnquist no, Shirley Jaeger no, and Steve VanLith no.
- E3. Ty Turnquist has received a quote for a ventilation system at the concession stand and bathrooms at Lindstrom Park. The quote was received from Foster Mechanical from Hutchinson. There would be one fan for each area, a larger one for the concession area itself. It would be vented out through the roof and cutouts in the doors. Total cost would be \$1580. for materials and \$720. for labor or a total of \$2300. Reason for going with ventilation, during humid times of the year there is mold forming and also the panels in the bathroom are starting to rust due to moisture. On motion by Shirley Jaeger, second Ty Turnquist and passed to have this ventilation system Installed at Lindstrom Park.
- F. Sheriff’s Report: None
- G. Fire Department: The fire department will not meet until next Monday due to the holiday on July 5.
- H. Treasurer’s Report: The CD in the amount of \$26,890.01 was transferred to the investment account. Balance to date is \$1,814,162.51. On motion by Ty Turnquist, second Thomas Mielke and passed approving the treasurer’s report as printed.

- I. Approval of Claims: The claims had been reviewed before the meeting, on motion by Ty Turnquist, second Shirley Jaeger and passed to approve the claims for this period.
- J. Sewer and Water: Nothing to report
- K. Building Permits: Nothing to report
- L. Complaint Logs: Nothing to report
- M. Public Works: Dust control has been done on the alleys, a little mowing and keeping the ballfields mowed for games.
- N. Parks: Nothing to report
- O. Mayor's Report: Nothing to report
- P. City Clerk: The clerk has received an updated quote for health insurance. Her premiums have increased by \$8.62. On motion by Ty Turnquist, second Tom Mielke and passed to give her this increase to pay her health insurance.
- Q. Old Business: Have not received any requests from residents in regard to the hoop sheds. We should go through the ordinance that covers this area to define how long the hoop sheds need to be down after they have been up for 180 days. Our janitor took a bad fall recently. He will try to come back and start doing a little cleaning soon. Hall rental was discussed in regard to the Legion hosting a banquet in October celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Legion. On motion by Shirley Jaeger, second Tom Mielke and passed to not charge the Legion for this event this year.
- R. New Business: None
- S. On motion by Ty Turnquist, second Tom Mielke and passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Shirley Jaeger

Minutes taken in the absence of the city clerk